small scale sector are only an additional source of disinfecting for households. Government do not monitor its production and as such, figures regarding its demand production and name of companies manufacturing it are not available. Further, the item is not price controlled and, there is no subsidy on it.

Representation for the Repair and Renovation of Varanasi Post Office Building

1424. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a representation dated the 21st June, 1988 from Jangambadi (Bangalitola) Post Office Bachao Sanghorsh Samiti, Varanasi has been received regarding repair and renovation of post office building which was acquired by Government; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Instructions have been issued to the concerned subordinate authorities to prepare and sanction estimates for essential repairs etc. immediately so that the work could start forthwith.

Problems of Vellangallore Telephone Subscribers

1425. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a representation dated the 4th July, 1988 has been received from a public representative about the problems being faced by Vellangallore (Kerala) telephone subscribers and the staff of local telephone exchange;

(b) whether the said representation was in reply to Ministry's communication dated 19th May, 1988 on the problems; and

(c) whether his Ministry is reviewing the issues; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The issues are under examination and a reply will be sent to the Hon'ble Member.

E. D. Post Masters in Assam

1426. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Extra Departmental employees serving as Post Masters in the rural post offices in Assam;

(b) what is the nature of pay of these employees and prospect in service;

(c) whether there is any provision for the absorption in regular postal service or this category of Extra-Departmental employees; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The number of E. D. postmasters in North Eastern Circle as on 31-3-88 8is as under :

E.D. Sub-Postmasters	56
E.D. Branch Postmasters	4780

(b) These Extra Departmental employees being part-time employees get a basic allowance between a minimum and a maximum. The allowances paid to them are given below:

		Min	Max
EDSPM	Rs.	385	620
EDBPM	Rs.	275	440